

ALDRETH



1. Settlement characteristics

Aldreth is a hamlet located two miles south-west of the village of Haddenham. Aldreth is surrounded by fenland on all sides and the River Great Ouse runs close by. The hamlet is served by one road.

Aldreth has a limited range of facilities – there is no food shop and no church, although the church building is now the thriving Village Centre and there is a recreation field and play area. Aldreth has a daily bus service to Ely Monday - Saturday. The main features of the hamlet are shown on map xxx.

2. Key statistics

<i>Aldreth</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	270
<i>Dwellings² (Est)</i>	108
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	8
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	14% work from home, 63% travel up to 20km to work, 18% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Daily service to Ely (Monday-Saturday) (as at 2012)

¹ Population for Aldreth settlement (mid-2010), Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

² Estimate based on dwellings in Haddenham parish (mid-2010), Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire 005B Lower Layer Super Output Area (covering Aldreth and part of Haddenham), Census 2001

3. Housing

Aldreth is likely to continue to grow at a slow rate, with new housing being built on suitable ‘infill’ sites within the village. No new housing allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Aldreth.

A ‘development envelope’ has been drawn around Aldreth to define the built-up part of the village where infill development may be permitted. The purpose is to prevent sprawl into the open countryside. Development on infill sites will need to be in line with Policy xx.

Outside the development envelope, housing will not normally be permitted – unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as essential dwellings for rural workers, or affordable housing. Housing schemes outside the development envelope will be assessed against Policy xx and other Local Plan policies as appropriate.

4. Employment

There are several businesses in Aldreth including Artes Mundi Fair Trade Gifts, Black Pearl book keeping and David Harrison Handling Solutions Ltd. The District Council is keen to retain the stock of business land and premises in order to support local economic growth. Proposals to re-use these sites for other purposes will only be permitted in certain circumstances (see Policy xx).

No new employment allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Aldreth. However, suitable new employment proposals within or on the edge of the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx, xx and xx.

5. Infrastructure and community facilities

Residents in Aldreth have indicated a desire for improvements to infrastructure and facilities in the hamlet. A list of priorities is set out in the table below.

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	Improvements to and up keep of Village Centre	General maintenance of building
2	Improvements to Broadband	The District Council is working in partnership with the County Council to seek improvements to the Broadband service across the district.
3	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Improved cycle/footpath between Aldreth & Haddenham
4	Improved transport links/public transport services	More frequent bus services to Ely and outlying villages
5	More support for home working and businesses operating from home	Improvements to Broadband/telephony service

The top priority is for improvements the Village Centre. This will enable local groups to continue to use the facility. The second priority, a better Broadband service, is an issue that the District Council is already working with County Council to address across the district. The third priority is improvements to pedestrian/cycle links. In particular the existing path to Haddenham is in need of resurfacing. The District Council will also work in partnership to try to retain existing public transport levels, and encourage self-sufficient transport services, such as community transport.


The current community facilities in Aldreth (including the village Centre, recreation field and play area) contribute to the quality of people’s lives. The loss of community facilities will also be resisted

under Policy xx. Proposals for new community development that benefits the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx and xx.

6. Spatial strategy for Aldreth (Map xx)




Key	
	Development Envelope
	Housing allocation
	Employment allocation
	Scheduled Ancient Monument
	Historic Parks & Gardens
	Conservation Area
	County Wildlife Site
	Area of International Importance for Wildlife
	Listed Building
	Site of Special Scientific Interest



**Map x
Aldreth**

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